From:

Nana Kim <

Sent:

Friday, February 22, 2013 9:15 AM

To: Cc: Walker, Susan

Cc: Subject: Andrew Wheat 900 Garner

Attachments:

REV-BOAVarianceApplication.pdf

Hi Susan,

Here is the revised/updated variance application for 900 Garner. The revisions reflect the changes from "Variance" application to "Special Exception" application and the deletion of any parking variance request.

The changes are to **p. 3 & 4**, although I did change the date on **p. 2** to January 13, 2013, the day we formally changed to the "Special Exception" request.

Let me know if you have any comments or see anything I should add to this form. Also, do you need the owners to sign this or can you use the previous signed page?

I would appreciate your response so that I know you have this updated copy. Thank you so much!

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CASE # (15-2013-000)
ROW # 10871002
TP-0102650326

## APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.
STREET ADDRESS: 900 Garner Ave., Austin TX 78704 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision — Lot 1-2 BLK J Barton Heights
Lot(s) 1-2 Block J Outlot Division Barton Heights
I/We Andrew Wheat & Julia Bower on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agen for
Andrew Wheat & Julia Bower affirm that on January 13, 2013,
hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODELX_MAINTAIN
An existing Two-Family Residential Use.
in a <u>SF-3</u> district.  (zoning district)
NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of sufficiency of and weight of evidence

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

## **REASONABLE USE:**

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

We request a "Special Exception," under City of Austin Land Development Code {25-2-476}, for an existing residential structure that violates a setback requirement.

As required by {25-2-476}:

\*the residential use for which the special exception is sought is allowed in an SF-3 zoning district.

\*the building official has performed an inspection determining that the violation does not pose a hazard to life, health, or public safety (pending the revision of the exterior stair treads)

\*the setback violation has existed for at least 15 years (see attached survey from 1993 survey)

\*the structure does not share the lot with more than one other primary residence.

### HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

Under "Special Exception," LDC {25-2-476}, we are not required to demonstrate a hardship.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

NA

## **AREA CHARACTER:**

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The variance will not alter the character of adjacent property nor impair the regulatory purpose of the zoning district because the variance would permit a use that has existed harmoniously in its present surroundings for at least 19 years.

The structure conforms stylistically and scale-wise to other structures in the neighborhood and aside from the setback violations, conforms to maximum height zoning requirements.

## **PARKING:** (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

### N/A

2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

## <u>N/A</u>

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

### N/A

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

### N/A





SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: C15-2013-0004 LOCATION: 900 GARNER AVE

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## 25-2-476 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.

- (A) The Board of Adjustment shall grant a special exception for an existing residential structure, or portion of an existing structure, that violates a setback required under <u>Chapter 25-2</u> (*Zoning*) if the board finds that the special exception meets the requirements of this section.
- (B) The Board shall grant a special exception under Subsection (A) of this section if:
- (1) the residential use for which the special exception is sought is allowed in an SF-3 or more restrictive zoning district;
- (2) the building official performs an inspection and determines that the violation does not pose a hazard to life, health, or public safety; and
  - (3) the Board finds that:
    - (a) the violation has existed for:
      - (i) at least 25 years; or
- (ii) at least 15 years, if the application for a special exception is submitted on or before June 6, 2013;
  - (b) the use is a permitted use or a nonconforming use;
- (c) the structure does not share a lot with more than one other primary residence; and
  - (d) granting a special exception would not:
    - (i) alter the character of the area;
- (ii) impair the use of adjacent property that is developed in compliance with city code; or
- (iii) grant a special privilege that is inconsistent with other properties in the area or in the district in which the property is located.
  - (C) A special exception granted under this section:

- (1) applies only to the structure, or portion of a structure, for which the special exception was granted and does not run with the land;
- (2) may not authorize an increase in the degree of noncompliance or excuse compliance with minimum health and safety requirements; and
- (3) may not authorize a remodel or addition to the existing structure, except to the extent required by the building official to meet minimum life and safety requirements.
- (D) A structure granted a special exception under this section shall be treated as a non-complying structure under <u>Chapter 25-2</u>, <u>Article 8</u> (*Noncomplying Structures*).

Source: Ord. 20110526-098; Ord. 20121108-091.

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REQUESTS ON THIS CASE.
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ing: Board of Adjustment, January 141
Case Number: C15-2013-0004 - 900 Garner Avenue

From:

Michelle Martin

Sent:

Friday, February 08, 2013 8:20 AM

To: Cc: Walker, Susan Jan Castleberry

Subject:

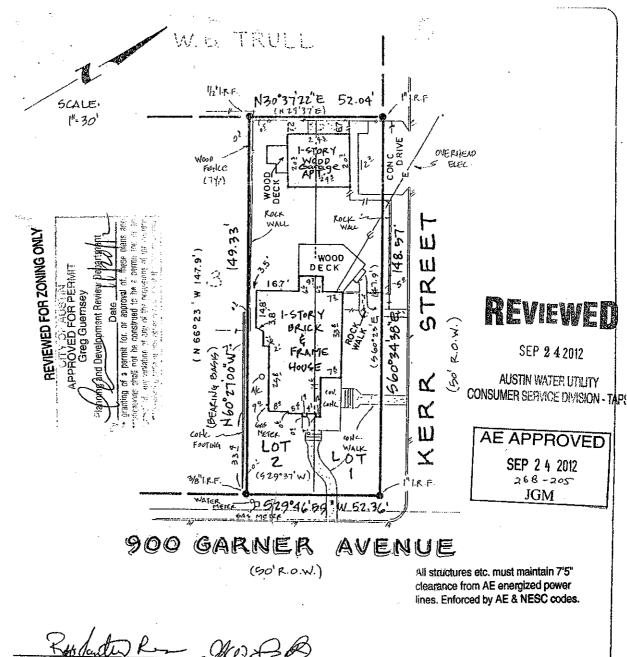
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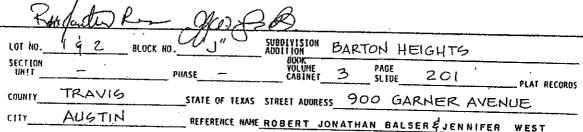
Ms. Walker:

We own and reside at the property at 809 Garner. We have been at this address for 28 years. We support the variances for 900 Garner. Most of the variances are for the existing situation. The existing out building, on street parking, etc... have been in usage as long as we can remember - maybe 28 years. I believe it is the just and reasonable decision to allow these variances. I am much more concerned about a large and unattractive structure going up on that lot if the variances are denied. I believe that the neighborhood fabric and feel will be kept intact with the granting of the variances. There have not been issues from our persepctive with the existing building. We also support additional square footage being added to the main home.

Please let me know if you have questions about our stance.

Michelle Martin and Jan Castleberry, 809 Garner Ave., Austin Texas 78704





American Surveying Company

812 San Antonio 8t., Suite G-17 Austin, Texes 78701 15121 482-0071

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Subject property 17056 NOT lie within the 100 Year (100d prone area end has a Zone X rating as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Haps (F. I.R.M.) Community No. 480624
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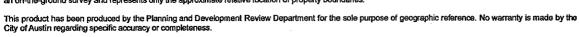
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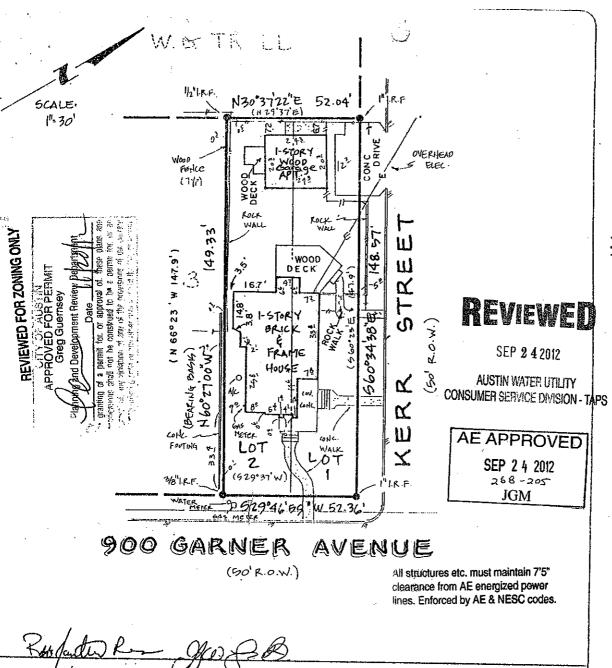
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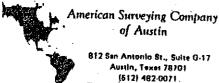
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Address:	900 Garner Ave.
Permit Number:	2012-117169
Property Owner Requesting Special Exception:	Julia Bower

## **Special Exception Requested:**

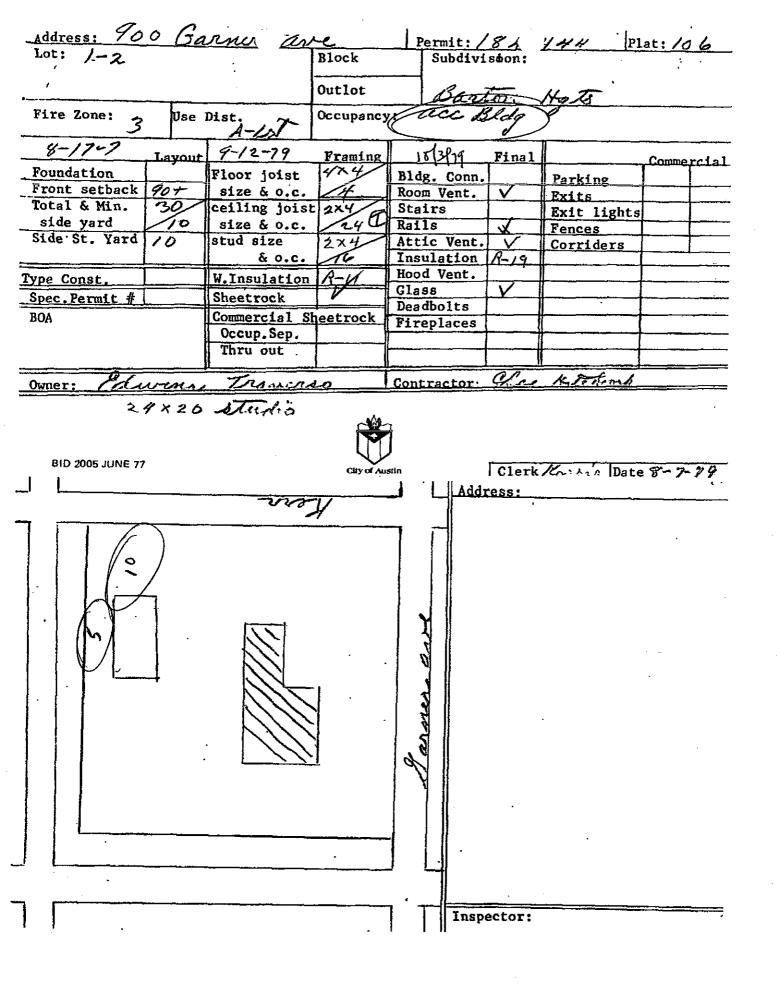
The applicant has requested a variance to decrease the minimum side street setback requirement of Section 25-2-492 (D) from 15 feet to 12 feet (along Kerr Street) also requesting a variance to decrease the rear setback from 10 feet to 6 feet in order to maintain an existing 1 story apartment.

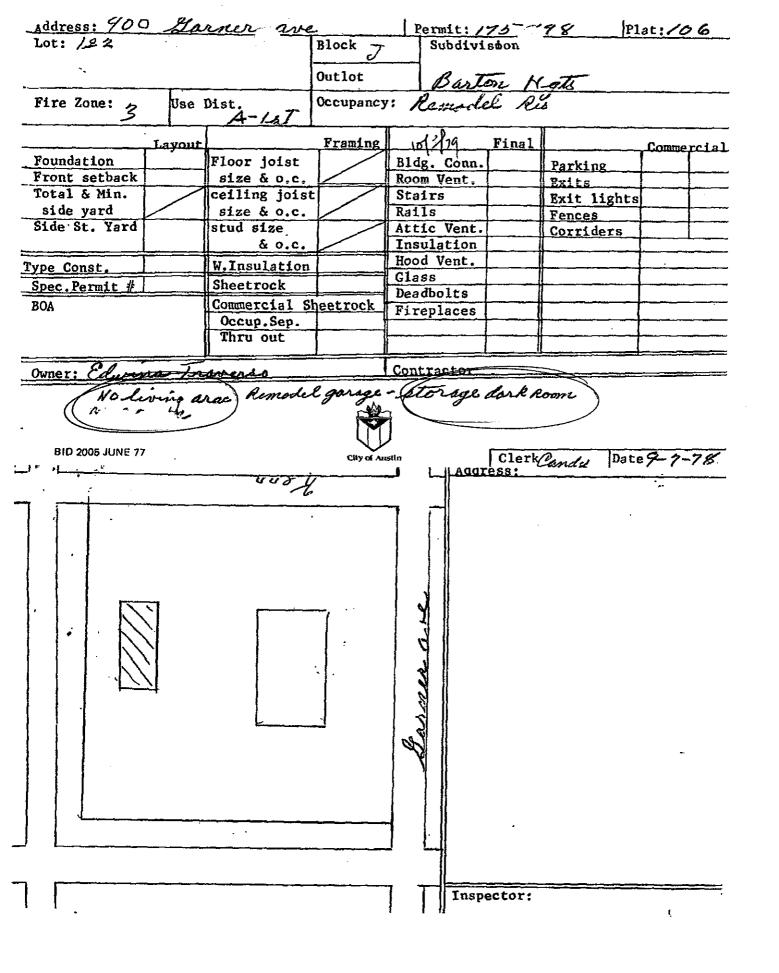
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Case Number: C15-2013-0004 - 900 Garner Avenue Contact: Susan Walker, 512-974-2202 Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, January 14th, 2013

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## To Whom it May Concern:

My husband and I own a home in close proximity of 900 Garner Avenue and have lived there for almost 13 years. We are supportive of two-family residential in our neighborhood and therefore support all variances requested by the applicant.

Sincerely,

Annick and Ed Beaudet

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From:

Sent:

Sunday, January 13, 2013 2:07 PM

To:

Walker, Susan Laura Agnew

Subject:

Case # C15-2013-0004 (900 Garner Ave.)

To Members of the Board of Adjustment:

My wife and I are neighbors of the family that own 900 Garner Ave, and have lived 6 houses down Kerr Ave. from their residence for over 20 years.

We are in support of the City granting them the grandfathering variance they have requested and support their request to add a bedroom and bathroom to the existing main house.

We support their request to retain the small apartment on the property as a living space, believing that this type of density is appropriate for the neighborhood and supports Austin's goal of creating a more densely populated central city. Their willingness to create two parking spaces, even though they have been a single car family for as long as we have known them, is adequate to meet the current City parking requirements for family dwellings.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hill Abell and Laura Agnew 1607 Kerr Ave. 462-0141

From:

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Sent:

Saturday, January 12, 2013 9:49 AM

To: Subject: Walker, Susan Andrew Wheat/900 Garner Ave.

### Hi Susan -

I have lived in Barton Heights since 1992 and have seen the neighborhood change quite a bit – I was very happy to see Andrew & Julia move into 900 Garner Ave. next door to me in 1999 and start their family in the Zilker neighborhood.

I understand that Andrew & Julia want to expand their Barton Heights home to accommodate their growing family. And I totally agree with their needs. Andrew & Julia want to stay within the integrity of our neighborhood by expanding toward the back of their house and keep their boys in our neighborhood. The addition in question is behind their home and is a small dwelling that was added many years ago and has never presented a problem to our neighborhood. If we push Andrew & Julia out of our neighborhood, then we are likely to have someone buying their home, demolishing their current home and building a much larger unit that will surely cut down some trees on their corner lot and will likely impose on what little privacy we have left here in Barton Heights .

A parallel parking driveway to my driveway seems to be a good solution to accommodate the city requirements – although I don't see why a one-car, biker-friendly family needs to do this.

There are many issues in our neighborhood, such as the Ashby/Oxford teardown for multi-units, 1900-ish Kerr where the older home was demolished for construction of a multi-family unit (or a very large contemporary house), parking up & down Kinney in front of the condo unit in the 1200 block, that should take precedent over a small home addition to keep a family in our neighborhood.

I view Andrew & Julia's addition as an investment in the right direction for Barton Heights –

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

--Janice Hilscher

512.925.4990

From:

steve mcguire

Sent:

Thursday, January 10, 2013 3:43 PM

To:

Walker, Susan

Subject:

900 Garner, Case C15-2013-0004

Dear Board and Ms. Walker,

I am writing concerning 900 Garner, Case C15-2013-0004. I live within 500' and received notice from the city. I oppose the request to waive the parking requirements by variance for two houses on one lot, which in this case is greater than 7000' and is zoned SF-3. It is my understanding that both houses on this property have been used as short-term rentals, even though the back house does not have a Certificate of Occupancy. I think it would benefit the neighborhood for this property to have adequate on-site parking, as required by city code, regardless of whether the back house remains or returns to an accessory building use. It is my understanding that currently this property has no on-site parking that conforms to city code requirements.

Sincerely, Steve McGuire

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   and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that
  has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of
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CASE # C15-2013-0004 ROW # 10871002 TP-0102050326

## CITY OF AUSTIN TO - 0 102050326 APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.
STREET ADDRESS: 900 Garner Ave., Austin TX 78704 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision — Lot 1-2 BLK J Barton Heights
Lot(s) 1-2 Block J Outlot Division Barton Heights
I/We Andrew Wheat & Julia Bower on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for
Andrew Wheat & Julia Bower
hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODELX_ MAINTAIN
A garage apartment.
in a SF-3 district.  (zoning district)
NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

## **REASONABLE USE:**

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

We request a special exception to permit use of our garage as a garage apartment. It has been in such use for at least 19 years, as documented by a 1993 survey map that identifies the structure as a "1-Story Wood Apt." Documents from our 1999 purchase of the property show it was marketed as an apartment and the seller's survey from that time also identifies it at as an apartment.

## HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

The 'garage' has been in documented use as a garage apartment for at least 19 years. Nor can the structure be used as a garage, because it was built as an elevated pier & beam building that will not support a vehicle. Without a special exception to permit its long established use as an apartment, the structure presumably would have to be moved or razed.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

Garage has been in documented use as a garage apartment for at least 19 years without being correctly permitted by the previous owners. We do not know of other such unpermitted structures in area. Requested exception does not create a new use. Rather it brings permitting in line with the long-standing use of this structure.

### AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

Variance will not alter the character of adjacent property nor impair the regulatory purpose of the zoning district because the variance would permit a use that has existed harmoniously in its present surroundings for at least 19 years.

## **PARKING:** (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

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2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

Garage has been in documented use as a garage apartment for at least 19 years without traffic-flow or parking problems. Property occupies a large corner lot almost 150 feet long along the garage frontage on Kerr.

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

Garage has been in documented use as a garage apartment for at least 19 years without creating safety hazards or other problems inconsistent with this ordinance.

Owner/applicant is happy to resolve the single issue identified by Life Safety Inspector to bring structure up to Life Safety codes. The issue identified involves: "Exterior stair system not in compliance with any existing code will need to comply with the requirements of the 2006 IRC"

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

The variance will be applicable to the use of the property. If that use changes, the variance will no longer be in effect and will not be reapplied for.

The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.